

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-11 are pending, with Claims 1, 6 and 9 being independent. Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 9 have been amended. Claims 10 and 11 have been added. Support for the new claims and claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, for example in Figure 9 and the accompanying description, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Requested Action

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Specification Amendments

Attached are clean and marked-up copies of a substitute specification to improve the form of the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 2 and 7 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if redrafted in independent form. In response, the features of Claims 2 and/or 7 have been added to independent Claims 1, 6, and 9 and Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering all of the claims in the case allowable.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,464,317 (Miyazawa). Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazawa in view of Official Notice that the concepts and advantages of incorporating a digital camera and a USB connection as the image supply device in a recording system are well known in the art (MPEP § 2144.03).

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejections, independent Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended to include the features of allowable dependent Claims 2 and/or 7, and Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering all of the claims in the case allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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